MAKING AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS

COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

HIS REQUEST TO MAKE AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS TOTALING \$32,200,000 IN BUDGET AUTHORITY FOR THE DEPARTMENTS OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS, AND COMMERCE, AND TO DESIGNATE THESE AMOUNTS AS EMERGENCY REQUIREMENTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 251(b)(2)(D)(i) OF THE BALANCED BUDGET AND EMERGENCY DEFICIT CONTROL ACT OF 1985, AS AMENDED, PURSUANT TO 31 U.S.C. 1107



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THE WHITE HOUSE Washington, December 27, 1994.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives.

SIR: In accordance with provisions of P.L. 103–327, the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 1995, and P.L. 103–317, the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1995, I hereby make available appropriations totaling \$32,200,000 in budget authority for the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Department of Commerce. These funds will be used to assist communities in recovering from the flooding and associated damage caused by Tropical Storm Alberto and will be available immediately.

I designate the amounts made available as emergency requirements pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(D)(i) of the Balanced Budget

and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended.

The details of this action are set forth in the enclosed letter from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget. I concur with her comments and observations.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

Enclosure.

[Estimate No. 1, 104th Congress, 1st Session]

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, Washington, DC, December 27, 1994.

The President, The White House.

Submitted for your consideration are requests to make available emergency appropriations for the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Department of Commerce. Your approval of these requests would make available previously appropriated funds to HUD and Commerce in order to assist communities in Florida and Georgia to recover from the flooding and

associated damage caused by Tropical Storm Alberto.

Public Law 103–327, the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 1995, includes a \$180 million contingent emergency appropriation for the Community Development Grant program. The availability of these funds was made contingent upon the President submitting a budget request to the Congress and designating the entire amount requested as an emergency requirement. None of the \$180 million has yet been designated as an emergency requirement and made available. Of the total available, \$22.2 million is now needed to assist Florida in the acquisition and relocation of damaged homes and public facilities and to aid in the economic recovery of the oyster industry of Franklin County.

Public Law 103–317, the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1995, provided a contingent emergency appropriation of \$55 million for the Economic Development Administration. The availability of these funds was made contingent upon the President submitting a budget request to the Congress and designating the entire amount requested as an emergency requirement. None of the \$55 million has yet been designated as an emergency requirement and made available. At this time, \$10 million is needed to increase capacity at a Macon, Georgia, water treatment plant at its new site—off the floodplain, on higher ground.

I recommend that you designate these requests as emergency funding requirements in accordance with section 25(b)(2)(D)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985,

as amended.

I have carefully reviewed these proposals and am satisfied that they are necessary at this time. Therefore, I join the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and the Secretary of Commerce in recommending that you make the requested funds available by signing the enclosed letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives. No further congressional action will be required.

Sincerely,

ALICE M. RIVLIN, Director.

Enclosure.

EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS: AMOUNTS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED MADE AVAILABLE BY THE PRESIDENT

Department of Housing and Urban Development:

Community Planning and Development, Community development grants

\$22,200,000

Title VI, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations, contained in Public Law 103–327, the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 1995, provided \$180 million for the Community Development Grant program. The availability of these funds was made contingent upon the President submitting a budget request to the Congress and designating the entire amount requested as an emergency requirement. None of the \$180 million has yet been designated as an emergency requirement and made available. At this time, \$22.2 million is needed to assist Florida in the acquisition and relocation of damaged homes and public facilities and to aid in the economic recovery of the oyster industry of Franklin County. Ecological damage resulting from the flood waters dramatically reduced the local oyster population.

Department of Commerce:

Economic Development Administration, Economic development assistance programs

\$10,000,000

Title VII of Public Law 103–317, the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1995, provided a \$55 million contingent emergency appropriation for the Economic Development Administration. The availability of these funds was made contingent upon the President submitting a budget request to the Congress and designating the entire amount requested as an emergency requirement. None of the \$55 million has yet been designated as an emergency requirement and made available. At this time, \$10 million is needed to increase capacity at a Macon, Georgia, water treatment plant at its new site—off the floodplain, on higher ground.

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